

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

IN RE:

**DESIGNATION OF CHIEF JUDGE
OF BANKRUPTCY COURT**

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ORDER

Authority to appoint the chief judge of the bankruptcy court, who shall ensure that the rules of the bankruptcy court and of the district court are observed and that the business of the bankruptcy court is handled effectively and expeditiously, is vested in this court. 28 U.S.C. 154(b). Where U.S. Bankruptcy Judge J. Rich Leonard was appointed for a term of office not to exceed seven years by order entered August 6, 1999, his term was continued by the court from August 6, 2006, pending designation of a successor.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge A. Thomas Small is designated this date to serve as chief judge of the bankruptcy court until July 28, 2007. On July 28, 2007, U. S. Bankruptcy Judge Randy D. Doub shall become chief judge for a term of office not to exceed seven years also in accordance with the court's prior orders designating the chief judge of the bankruptcy court entered August 6, 1992, and August 6, 1999.

SO ORDERED for the court, this the 23rd day of August, 2006.


LOUISE W. FLANAGAN
Chief United States District Judge